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## MGB, NPHC host intake orientation

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There are hundreds of student clubs, groups and organizations that apply to a wide spectrum of interests. From Student Government to intramural sports and more, any student can find their niche or something that interests them.

Some of the fastest growing groups of organizations are those associated with the Multicultural Greek Board (MGB) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council Board (NPHC).

Monday night, MGB and NPHC fraternities and sororities held their annual intake orientation at the Russell House ballroom. Hundreds of students from different backgrounds, all dressed in business attire, showed up to get involved.

In order to become a member of one of the five MGB or nine historically African-American organizations, undergraduates must complete at least one semester and be in good standing academically. Students must attend the intake orientation, attend the individual organization's interest meeting and apply to become a member.

Third-year criminology and criminal justice student Artem Arefyev, member of Sigma Lambda Beta, shared the importance of intake orientation.

"Intake is for non-Greek students who are interested in Greek Life, particularly in MGB and NPHC to learn about Greek Life and to meet the fraternities and sororities on either of those two boards," Arefyev said.

Fourth-year criminology and criminal justice student and Zeta Sigma Chi member Aaleeyah Roary was happy to see the large crowd.

"It's great to see so many people so enthusiastic about this," Roary said. "From the turnout tonight, I think it will be an exciting year."

Arefyev also explained some of the values and standards that the organizations hold.

"Sigma Lambda Beta has four main principles: brotherhood, scholarship, service and cultural awareness. So those are some of the principles that we try to live by," Arefyev said.

NPHC and MGB organizations will be accepting their new members in the upcoming week.



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Over 900 PNMs were at the Metropolitan Convention Center Monday night for formal fraternity recruitment.

## PNMs stuck in rush limbo after fraternities suspended

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Recruitment has been suspended for 13 of the 19 fraternities according to the University of South Carolina Interfraternity Council. In a letter released to chapter presidents and advisors, Council Vice President of Conduct Jonathan Withrow stated that numerous chapters violated alcohol and risk management policies during the weeks leading up to formal recruitment.

The letter states that the council has evidence that the organizations held unsanctioned events over the past few weeks, completely disregarding an emergency meeting about recruitment policies with Fraternity and Sorority Life

Associate Director Jarod Holt that took place on Aug. 27.

According to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, informal rush events are supposed to be completely alcohol-free. The events are intended to focus on the four pillars of the Greek community — leadership, scholarship, friendship and service.

This comes hours after Monday night's formal recruitment event at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The move to the convention center was a big change from years past, as it was traditionally held in the Greek Village.

The Fraternity Council Vice President of Recruitment and third-year broadcast journalism student Zachary Driver said the reason for the move from Greek

Village was due to poor weather conditions last year.

"There was a thunderstorm so we had to cancel recruitment, and that threw a lot of chapters out of whack because they weren't able to talk to over 450 guys — because they had half one day and half the next," Driver said. "Since half of the guys didn't get to talk to them there [were] a lot of angry people on the PNM side as well as on the chapter side."

The number of potential new members — some of whom will now sit in a recruitment "limbo" — that registered online is consistent with years past, at approximately 900 students.

Monday's event is the only night of formal fraternity recruitment that is put on by

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Music Farm and Tin Roof partnered with the Conner Foundation to bring live music to three stages on Aug. 29. The Freeway Music Festival had more than 15 entertainers present. Check out the full gallery online at [dailygamecock.com](http://dailygamecock.com).

Video highlight of  
winning goal on  
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## Torda's acrobatic goal vaults Gamecocks to late win



Sarah Stone / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A strong showing from the midfielders moved the Gamecocks to a 2-0 season record. They play Clemson Friday.

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With the weekend off, the Gamecocks were back in action Monday against Georgia Southern, and won the game 4-2. South Carolina won their opener Friday, beating Mercer 2-1 thanks to goals from freshman Ben Davidson and senior Jeffrey Torda. Georgia Southern dropped their first game to Stetson on Friday, 3-1, even though they were tied in the 84th minute. This is their first meeting since 1997 when they tied 3-3.

### First half

The game started fast with the Gamecocks pushing the tempo from the first kick. However, Georgia Southern struck first. In the fourth minute, the Eagles' senior Eric Dinka lobbed a corner kick into the box and sophomore

Chris MacMurray put a shot on goal. Junior Marco Velez saved the shot, but MacMurray cleaned up the rebound by hammering in a goal.

It didn't take long for the Gamecocks to not only respond, but pull ahead.

In the 18th minute, junior Koty Millard slotted a ball past the Sun Belt's Preseason Defensive Player of the Year Jack Falle off a pass from freshman Ben Davidson. The goal was Millard's first of the season and third in garnet and black. The Gamecocks won the ball back quickly and wasted no time. Freshman defender Tor Nyboe launched a pass down field to Danny Deakin in the 21st minute. From 19 yards out on the right side of the box, the junior then made a move and rocketed the ball into the back of net, his first of the year.

Before the first half buzzer

sounded, Georgia Southern senior Emmanuel Raji — the Eagles' leading scorer last year with five goals — received the ball in Gamecock territory and made a move that put three South Carolina defenders on skates. Raji, dribbling into the hole he made, tried to tap it in, but Velez made a fingertip save to put the ball safely out of bounds, ending the half 2-1 in favor of the Gamecocks.

### Second half

Georgia Southern came into the second half on fire. Sophomore Nick Wells crossed a ball to freshman Alfonso Ochoa in the 50th minute. Velez came out to save the initial shot from Ochoa, but the tap out wasn't enough as Ochoa got his own deflection and scored the equalizer.

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IN BRIEF

Heavy rains cause flooding in Lowcountry

WIS reports that near record-breaking rainfall in the Lowcountry caused flooding in some parts of Charleston on Monday. It was the fifth-wettest day in the city's history after receiving over six inches of rain in six hours. Areas that were affected most by flooding include downtown Charleston, North Charleston, Mount Pleasant and Goose Creek. The Charleston Police Department closed several roads in the downtown area and service from public transportation was temporarily suspended. The highest daily rainfall ever recorded for the month of August was on Aug. 11, 1940 when Charleston received 7.88 inches.

—Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

Logistics company to create jobs in Columbia

A third-party logistics company that connects distributors with supply truck companies announced Monday that it will open a new office for operations in downtown Columbia according to the South Carolina Radio Network. Total Quality Logistics, or TQL, is based in Cincinnati, Ohio and representatives of the company plan on hiring 100 employees over the next five years. Because fewer companies are using their own trucks for distribution and sale, logistics has become a growing industry over the past several years. The company has 34 offices mostly in southern and western parts of the country. There is already an office in Charleston that began operating five years ago.

—Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

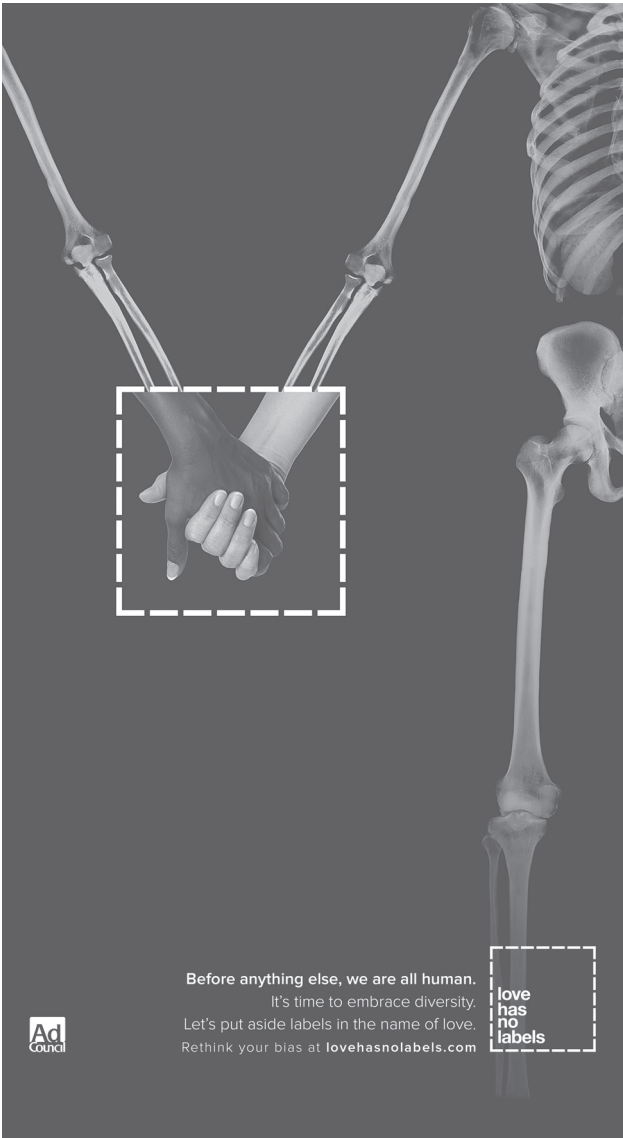
Restaurant caught with live chickens during DHEC inspection

Kobe Japanese Steakhouse in Sumter, South Carolina had some trouble with their rating from the Department of Health and Environmental Control after several chickens were found in cages in the kitchen area, WLTX reported. Restaurant owner Amy Zhao said she received the chickens from a friend and was keeping them in her restaurant until she could take them home to cook. DHEC initially gave the restaurant a health inspection grade of 'C' but waited until Zhao removed the chickens and sanitized the kitchen area before changing their inspection grade to 'A.' Zhao and her family have owned and maintained the restaurant for more than a decade.

—Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

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the fraternity council. However, Driver hopes to see a 10 percent increase of potential new members with bids, as well as an upholding of values during fraternity recruitment. "It's a tough thing to do," Driver said. "You have to have those tough conversations, and I think we've done as best as we can to monitor it this year. But fraternities do have the option to do what they want." Bid day is slated for Monday, Sept. 7. However with news of the suspension, speculation is that bid day will be postponed. The Greek Conduct Board will begin meeting with fraternity leaders to discuss and investigate allegations in order to determine whether the organizations can resume recruitment and, if so, when.



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IRIS, formerly known as BGLSA, is an acronym for Individuals Respecting Identities and Sexualities.

# IRIS inspires inclusivity

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This fall, a not-so-new organization made its debut on Greene Street at the Student Organization Fair. IRIS, formerly known as BGLSA, is making changes not just within the organization, but also all over campus.

“Every year I have been on the [BGLSA] board, we have discussed changing the name,” IRIS President and fourth-year political science student Devon Sherrell said. “We want the name to be more inclusive to our trans members, our intersex members, our gender non-conformist members and basically anyone who doesn’t fit the B, G, L or S in our name.”

IRIS stands for Individuals Respecting Identities and Sexualities. Sherrell said he came up with the name after discovering that Iris was the Greek Goddess of Rainbows.

Before the name change, BGLSA’s (Bisexual Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance) name only included a small part of the queer community and, according to the IRIS Communications Director and fourth-year music student Caleb Coker, the organization has not been as inclusive of the trans community as it could be.

“We would have a trans meeting every now and again, but it wasn’t a trans safe place,” Coker said. “It’s hard to have 50 to 100 people at a meeting and have them all at the same level of knowledge on trans topics. Each year people are learning more, but sometimes one person’s way of talking about things might be damaging for a trans person, and it is simply because that person doesn’t know any better.”

Coker said this is something that IRIS is striving to focus on more. As these topics become more prominent in the media and better-known issues on campus, IRIS meetings have become more content driven.

“At times it almost feels like a lecture,” Coker said. “And that’s what we try to avoid, but we are dealing with such dense material and such things you really have to

have a grasp on to interact with.”

According to Coker, IRIS meetings are community-building and fun. Additionally, IRIS is trying to create a space for really creating change on campus. IRIS is doing more demonstrations and is looking to work with more marginalized community groups on campus.

Over the past year, IRIS has linked up with other organizations on campus such as AAAS, The Association of African American Students. They did a black trans life demonstration on Greene Street and have utilized their social media to advocate for movements like #BlackLivesMatter.

According to Sherrell, one of the coolest groups coming up is TSA, the Trans Student Alliance.

“It is not an official organization yet, but they have been doing some great organizing for the trans community on campus,” Sherrell said. “So we are really trying to help them get recognition as an official organization. Until they get that, they can’t request for student government funds, so we are just trying to provide them with any of the resources that they need.”

Sherrell hopes that the name change lets its straight and queer members know that the LGBTQ organization is trying to be more inclusive. But he also hopes that the name change shows them that they are an essential part of the organization.

“I think that maybe trans and gender nonconformist students didn’t fit under our umbrella before and maybe when they saw the name they thought, ‘Well I’m not welcome here and this group doesn’t include me,’” Sherrell said. “Hopefully now, when they see ‘Individuals Respecting Identities and Sexualities’, they know that we try to include and welcome them, that we have programming for them and that they are valued in our community.”

IRIS meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in room 107 of Currell College and always has free food.

## Starbucks offers healthier alternatives to high-calorie drinks

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To help manage classes, activities and late night studying, caffeine is the perfect pick-me-up for college students. Although that trip to Starbucks helps keep you awake, you may be drinking more fat than you think. So before downing 400 calories, you should consider the options.

Starbucks has light versions of their menu’s favorites to save you hundreds of calories. Instead of 410 calories in a Caramel Frappuccino topped with whipped cream, try a light Caramel Frappuccino and save about 140 calories.

If you’re a chocolate lover, try an Iced Skinny Mocha that uses bittersweet skinny mocha sauce, espresso and nonfat milk. It only equals 100 calories.

If you don’t need caffeine, try an unsweetened Teavana Shaken Iced Passion Tango Tea and consume 0 calories

or the tall Teavana Shaken Iced Black Tea Lemonade for only 90.

For hot drinks, your best bet is a nonfat cappuccino for only 60 calories. Another switch for a favorite would be the nonfat Caramel Macchiato for only 140 calories, instead of 200.

Russell House Starbucks barista and third-year political science student Jade Nettles, says she can make any of the menu’s favorites into a lighter version by using sugar-free syrup or nonfat milk. She also says that you just need to ditch the extras, like chocolate drizzle and whipped cream.

The easiest way to save calories is to try a smaller size. Don’t worry, caffeine addicts, it is still possible to get your caffeine fix, conquer the heat and avoid the freshman 15.



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Choosing a smaller-sized drink at Starbucks can help save calories.

# Useful apps make students’ lives easier

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With our unique and busy lives, students need organization more than ever. A new semester has started, bringing with it the insanity that is life at college. The free apps on this list will make studying, spending and generally managing life easier for a generation that is so adept at using technology. So use your phone to its best ability and download these helpful apps without breaking the bank.

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# Kanye West has presidential ambitions

(Oh, and the music industry might also have a problem with systemic racism)

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Kanye West gave a speech at the VMAs.

**OUR STANCE**  
West's real message has been ignored by the media.

Kanye West is running for president. He may have given his VMA speech high. Oh yeah, and he's pretty sure that there is a tradition of systemic racism in the music industry ... but back to the wacky sound bites.

Whatever else you might say about West's VMA acceptance speech, the aspects that the media are paying attention to are minor throwaway lines wholly unconnected to the main point. News outlets have run headlines almost exclusively emphasizing the conclusion of West's speech, wherein he announced his candidacy for the 2020 presidential election.

Yes, he said it. He also declared that he smoked something before

the speech to "[knock] the edge off." But overlooked by the majority of outlets was when he attacked the celebrity-drama-focused nature of the awards and media. He alleged that MTV had played up his encounter with Taylor Swift in the 2009 VMAs for ratings, but ignored

*"Given the headlines after the VMAs, it is difficult to argue with the central point in West's speech."*

the main point of his interjection. Listing a handful of African-American artists that have been denied awards during his career, West once again implied, as he did when he interrupted Taylor Swift, that the awards process is biased against minority artists.

It holds particular relevance after this summer, when the media became more obsessed with a Twitter feud between Taylor Swift and Nicki Minaj than the latter's allegation of racism in the music industry.

Given the headlines after the VMAs, it is difficult to argue with the central point in West's speech. Yes, the media has played conflict, celebrity and individual clips up in favor of addressing a difficult and contentious issue even when given an avenue to do so.

Perhaps it does generate more ratings than focusing upon the central points that West and Minaj have made. But if so, that means the media believes the American people would rather hear about trivial disputes and gaffes by famous people than confront a potentially dark reality of the world. Sadder still, they were proven right.

In a different vein, if he's serious about the presidential bid, West will probably be campaigning in Columbia in a few years time. Just try to imagine that.

# America got the candidates it deserves

**Ben Turner**  
Fourth-year journalism student

Kanye West says he's running for president. This is not a drill.

On Sunday, at the end of a long, rambling speech at the MTV Video Music Awards, the iconic rapper added a throwaway line. "I have decided in 2020 to run for president," he said.

Now, it's easy to dismiss this as Kanye being Kanye. Plus, we've already seen faux candidates such as Deez Nuts and Waka Flocka Flame dominate the news this campaign cycle.

But if Donald Trump can run for president and be treated seriously, why not Kanye?

Politics itself is no longer being taken seriously in America. It's no longer a profession — it has become a gimmick, a punch line and a farce.

In 2008, John McCain's campaign ran a commercial comparing Barack Obama to Britney Spears and Paris Hilton. The insinuation was that Obama's campaign was more style than substance and that his campaign was centered on his celebrity status rather than real ideas. I wonder what kind of attack ads we'll see leveled against Donald Trump this time around.

Part of this trend is that Americans are fed up with politicians. With their canned statements, fake public personae and corrupt dealings, politicians are being transformed from the public's leaders to public enemy number one. A recent poll showed that the two leading candidates for president in the first Republican nomination contest are nonpoliticians.

At least Dr. Ben Carson is a retired, world-renowned neurosurgeon. All Trump seems to do is put his name on buildings.

The darker side of this trend is that we are becoming a society bent on instant gratification, crippled by short attention spans and willing to be reduced to the lowest common denominator. How else can you explain the Trump phenomenon?

Politics doesn't have to be boring. Some of the best moments our leaders have are when they can entertain as well as inform. But we should take this stuff somewhat seriously — after all, we are electing people to make critical decisions for us.

America has a long history of entertainers, clowns, carnival barkers and nutjobs being elected to political office. But one would think that trend would taper off as our society evolved, not increase as shine increasingly distracts the populace.

So go ahead, Kanye. Run for president. But speak some truth, like you did when you addressed institutional racism after Katrina. Or you could just be Trump's vice presidential nominee this time around.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

One night, while I was delaying sleep and scouring the Internet for something that might sedate my mind, I found a video of Russian President Vladimir Putin giving a speech. If you go and find the same video, or any of its kind, you will notice something. No, it is not how he uses emotional pulls that are utterly devoid of proper logic to pull his audience in — although that is telling in its own right — rather it is what happens after the speech, when the audience begins to applaud. At first it looks and sounds like any applause at the end of any rousing political speech filled to bursting with rousing nationalistic fervor. The clapping is erratic, nothing more than white noise. Yet, wait a moment, and the sound begins to alter ever so slightly. The sea of hands change pace, motion and feeling. It becomes more deliberate, more unified, and if you listen closely you can no longer hear the white noise that typically comes with a rousing applause. Instead, you hear a pulsating noise, the sound of a mass moving as one. You hear the sound of a disciplined mob falling into step with itself.

Over the last decade and a half that Putin has been in power, the Russian Federation has evolved (or devolved) into a nation that has been made, and continues to be made, in the image of

the old USSR. Gone are the chaotic days of Russia's experimentation with its new-found freedom in the early 1990s. While the Putin government may claim that the Russian state is a free democracy, the reality of the Russian Federation could not be further from the truth. Almost every news organization in the country is controlled directly by the Kremlin, and they continuously spout forth nothing but nationalistic fervor — largely devoid of all fact and reason — into the airways and through the presses. The free press has been virtually eliminated, by fear or by anonymous contract killings. The legislature has lost a considerable amount of political sway. It currently counts a present porn star and a former tennis champion among its ranks, making it more akin to a regularly meeting theater troupe than anything resembling a competent parliament. This has been a theme in Russia, where celebrity has come to outweigh substance. Even as the economy falls apart around him, Putin's approval rating has soared because he has given the Russian people an enemy to fight against. Patriotism is currency, and those in power, and those who desire it, crave the glory days of the USSR.

I know many Russians — to some I can count myself as a friend — and I can say with limited certainty that

the Russian people are as good, kind and curious as any on this earth. We must never forget that the people of a nation and a nation's government are not one and the same, especially when the government in question is as rigid as the government of Putin. Yet a people can be silenced, so long as a government is willing. The Russian government is willing and certainly able.

The Russian people are being forced to fall into step behind the government just as they were during World War II and just as they were on the hottest days of the Cold War. Their government sees the Western world as the enemy at

the gate and as the great threat to the Motherland. All who question the line and the dogma are portrayed as little more than saboteurs.

Public and open debate — the very foundation of democracy and freedom — has left Russia, and soon, if nothing is done to impede this flight, the capacity for reasoned individual thought surely will follow it out the door. For a nation that possesses enough firepower to destroy our Earth a hundred times, this is no small thing.

—C.R. Jones III, fourth-year political science and history student

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**Aries**

Ponder your upcoming moves, including regarding romance. A surprising development in a group setting inspires action. Professional advice comes in handy now. Go for what you want, and take it slow to avoid breakage.

**Taurus**

A strong partner inspires action, although the strategies may need refining. Are there common resources you can use? Maybe someone else would be willing to share. Review options again. Keep calm, even when passions intervene. Give thanks.

**Gemini**

Don't dash off heedlessly. Keep your objective in mind. The competition is tough. Encourage another's creativity. Expect surprises. Postpone distractions. Start with the most difficult task. Reward yourself with special time with someone beloved.

**Cancer**

New possibilities beckon. Watch the budget, as costs run higher than expected. Align your efforts with your heart. Put physical energy toward an area of passion. Pursue your goal persistently, going for distance rather than speed.

**Leo**

An unusual yet fascinating professional option appears. All is not as it appears. Don't take anything for granted. Resist temptation to spend frivolously or waste time. Passions color your thinking. Carefully consider the options, before taking risk.

**Virgo**

Miscommunications (and emotions) could run wild, especially regarding changes at home. Stick with solid facts, rather than nebulous ideas. Quick action is required, but don't fall for a trick. Keep others on course. Wait to see what develops.

**Libra**

Include fun among your priorities. Water may be involved. Avoid drama, expense and arguments, and adapt to shifting circumstances. Take time out if needed, and consider another's feelings. Harmony requires flexibility. Talk about what you love.

**Scorpio**

You're especially powerful. A creative spark ignites. Support your team. Hold your temper, as you could easily tromp on someone, even without meaning to. Inhibit your natural generosity, for now. Be spontaneous, without recklessness. Change direction intuitively.

**Sagittarius**

Approach a problem from a new angle. Prepare for a test. Keep a lid on emotions, which could spark into upset or misunderstanding. Patiently listen. More study is required before making decisions. Loved ones are there for you.

**Capricorn**

Your heart pulls you to take action. Check reality first. Fantasy clashes with facts. Don't commit resources to a false hope. Figure out what you want. Investigate hidden elements. Work together with someone who shares your goals.

**Aquarius**

Things could get hot, either with romance or conflict, as passions run high. Misunderstandings spark easily. Anticipate some disagreement. You can't afford to buy everything everybody wants. Frugality is required. Encourage a bold decision.

**Pisces**

You're in the eye of the storm. A dream proves impractical, for now. Having a meticulous partner helps. Keep it respectful. Take a leap of faith, after research. Consider the consequences. Make a mess, and clean it later.

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**ACROSS**

1 Apply, as with a cotton swab  
4 Dinner bills  
8 Defeat decisively  
14 Dean's email suffix  
15 Overlook  
16 "Respect" singer Franklin  
17 Hitchhike  
19 Rented  
20 Write back  
21 Amazement  
23 Pod fillers  
24 Out of the wind  
25 Far from being in agreement  
28 More in need of moisturizer  
30 \_\_\_ noire: dreaded thing  
31 Before today  
33 Contact lens care brand  
35 Indian prince  
39 What a pep talk is meant to do  
43 Pixieish  
44 Strong veiny cheese  
45 Chanced upon  
46 Chess corner piece  
49 Pizazz  
51 Graduation garb  
55 Quantity of 53-Down  
58 Grifter's game  
59 Diminish  
60 Prima \_\_\_: opera star  
61 Schoolchildren  
63 Time relaxing in a chalet, and where the first words of 17-, 25-, 39-, and 51-Across may appear  
66 Some nuclear trials  
67 Earth's natural satellite  
68 Archaic  
69 Nobel Prizewinning poet Pablo  
70 Graph's x or y  
71 Nintendo's Super \_\_\_ console

**DOWN**

1 Actress Missing of "Will & Grace"  
2 "I challenge you to \_\_\_!"  
3 Took out, gangland-style  
4 Conservative Brit  
5 Bordeaux boyfriend  
6 Offer at Sotheby's  
7 Great bargain  
8 "Honor Thy Father" writer Gay  
9 1,000-year Eur. realm  
10 Come back into view  
11 In a total fog  
12 Use wool clippers on  
13 Owned, in the Old Testament  
18 K.C. Royal, e.g.  
22 E.B. White's "Charlotte's \_\_\_"  
25 Ball-\_\_\_ hammer  
26 Normandy river  
27 Naturally lit courtyard  
29 Clothing patch type  
31 Pale or malt brew  
32 Baseball's Hodges  
34 PC-to-printer port  
36 "Sesame Street" puppeteer  
37 Had a meal  
38 FDR successor  
40 Italian dessert sometimes made

with espresso  
41 Like much post-Christmas business  
42 Drudge  
47 Black Sea port  
48 Old USSR spy gp.  
50 Golf instructors  
51 TV from D.C.  
52 Sharp, as an eagle's eyesight  
53 Photocopier supply  
54 Only U.S. president born in Hawaii  
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# MLB PLAYOFF PREDICTIONS

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## National League

**NL East:** New York Mets  
The fate of the New York Mets appears to have finally flipped in their favor. New York is currently on pace for its highest win total since the 2008 season and has a legitimate shot at taking home the National League Pennant. The franchise's face for the past decade, David Wright, returned to the lineup in dramatic fashion last week after back issues sidelined him for four months, blasting a solo home run during his very first at bat. Wright's triumphant return combined with New York's brilliant pitching rotation and the all-around impressive play of newly acquired outfielder Yoenis Cespedes proves the Mets just may have what it takes to bring a World Series title back to Queens. The camaraderie and team chemistry has resonated with the Mets fans and has shown some semblance to the magical run by the Boston Red Sox in 2013.

**NL Central:** St. Louis Cardinals  
St. Louis has shined as the obvious World Series favorite at this point in the season. The Cardinals will likely end the MLB's three-year drought of 100-win seasons, assuming they can muster up a .500 record the remainder of the way, with no signs of stoppage there. This team is hitting on all cylinders from offense to pitching to fielding to chemistry. St. Louis' team ERA has led the MLB for quite some time now, and its second-best run differential shows this team is not solely reliant on pitching. The Cardinals are for real.

**NL West:** Los Angeles Dodgers  
Since Earvin "Magic" Johnson's group of investors purchased the Dodgers organization in 2012 for \$2 billion, management has endowed its roster with great fortunes. In fact, the Dodgers have endured such a spending binge that the team's payroll exceeded \$300 million this year, which is nearly \$90 million more than the Yankees.

Point being, with all of the cash poured into this team, the Dodgers should be and are on track to win the NL West. Clayton Kershaw has again proven to be the league's best regular season pitcher, allowing just eight runs in his previous 10 starts, with his counterpart Zack Greinke producing just as well. Together, Greinke and Kershaw have the skills to carry Los Angeles through the playoffs.

**NL Wild Cards:** Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago Cubs  
It's truly criminal that the Pirates and Cubs will have to duel it out in a single-elimination Wild Card game, frankly because of viewership — they are fun teams to watch. Pittsburgh's hitting has been shaky throughout the season and overall team defense even worse, but its pitching staff is simply outstanding. Similarly, the Cubs' bats have nearly been nonexistent this season, ranking last in team batting average, but once again it's the pitching that has carried this franchise to a near playoff berth. The Joe Maddon coached Cubs are unique to past years because they have an identity and charisma that is necessary to extend the season into October.

## American League

**AL East:** Toronto Blue Jays  
Toronto's trade deadline acquisitions of David Price and Troy Tulowitzki have evidently fueled the Blue Jays to manifest into a perennial World Series Contender. The team has surged atop the AL East, winning over 20 of their 27 games in the month of August. Adding Price solidified a somewhat shaky pitching rotation, as the ace has showcased his talents with five brilliant outings in August. Toronto's pitching still isn't perfect, ranking just 12th in team ERA, but it continues to dominate on the offensive end, leading the MLB in total runs, homeruns, doubles, RBIs and OPS. Barring a massive collapse, the New York Yankees simply are not built to eclipse the Jays for the AL East title.

**AL Central:** Kansas City Royals  
The Kansas City Royals are the epitome of team baseball. In a sport of wildly overpaid superstars with long contracts, the Royals have managed to remain relevant without paying a single player excess of \$10 million per year. Kansas City has built from within, while much of the competition makes a concerted effort to buy its talent via free agency. A major issue with the Royals, though, is their starting pitching rotation, which has been decimated by a season-ending injury to Jason Vargas and a massive productivity drop-off from expected ace Johnny Cueto. Despite its middle-of-the-pack rotation, Kansas City boasts arguably the league's strongest

bullpen, which ranks second in the MLB in ERA.

**AL West:** Houston Astros  
The Houston Astros deserve a tremendous amount of respect for evolving into a bona fide powerhouse after serving four years as the league's punching bag. Houston is still a year or two away from serious contention, but its top-three pitching staff is no joke. From top to bottom, the Astros pitching is frightening for any opponent. It just trails the St. Louis Cardinals in team ERA and WAR, while headlining two of the winningest pitchers in the MLB in Dallas Keuchel (15 wins) and Collin McHugh (14 wins). Management must address the team's most glaring issue this offseason though, and what will ultimately sink the Astros in the postseason: hitting.

**AL Wild Cards:** New York Yankees, Texas Rangers  
Can the Yankees find some consistency in their play as the regular season dwindles down? The sample size says no, but this combination of seasoned veterans and inexperienced youngsters has slowly meshed into a potentially dangerous first-round matchup. Inconsistency, however, has prevented New York from gaining any real momentum from injuries (CC Sabathia and Mark Teixeira) to Alex Rodriguez's recent hitting slump. When the Yankees are fulfilling their full potential, they can compete among the best. Choosing between the Rangers and the Minnesota Twins for the final Wild Card spot was a tough decision until factoring in each club's remaining schedule and record on the road. Each team has a relatively easy schedule, but Minnesota's inability to win consistently away from home will ultimately doom them, especially with a three-game series at Kansas City approaching.



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## World Series Prediction: St. Louis Cardinals vs. Toronto Blue Jays



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Monday's match was back and forth until Jeffrey Torda's scissorkick goal off of a 64th minute free kick put the Gamecocks ahead.

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Shortly after, in the 57th minute, the Gamecocks almost saw the Eagles take the lead. After an Eagle player crossed the ball into box, freshman Christian Duncan almost headed the ball into the right corner, but instead the ball hit off the plumbing and cleared by the Gamecocks.

South Carolina took control of the clearance and set up their offense. The team controlled the ball in Georgia Southern's half and were awarded a free kick at the 62nd. Senior Ryan Arambula lofted the ball to Jeffrey Torda, and the senior finished with an incredible aerial scissor kick, giving the Gamecocks the advantage at 3-2. That assist was Arambula's second of the year.

Senior Kevin Walker sealed the win for the Gamecocks with his goal in the 85th. He ran over 60 yards down the field and finished in the bottom left corner for South Carolina's fourth of the night.

**Man of the match**  
There can't be a man of the match other than Jeffrey Torda. While he was quiet for most of the game, he showed up in a loud way. His goal to put South Carolina ahead was a beauty, something that Zlatan Ibrahimovic would pull off. The Colleyville, Texas man ended the match with two shots on goal in 62 minutes. His goal was worthy of SportCenter's Top 10.